BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OUT GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE:
DECISION TO APPROVE A LARGE NOTICE OF TENTATIVE MINING AND RECLAMATION PLAN: DECISION TO APPROVE FOR MOUNTAIN VALLEY STONE, INC.'S BROWNS CANYON MINE: NO. M/043/019 SUMMIT COUNTY, UTAH

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THE STATE OF UTAH
TO ALL OPERATORS,
TAKERS OF
PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY
OWNERS, AND
PARTICULARLY ALL
PERSONS INTERESTED
IN SECTION 20,
TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH,
RANGE 5 EAST, SLBM,
SUMMIT COUNTY,
UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve the Large Mining Operations Notice of Intention for Mountain Valley Stone, inc.'s Brown's Canyon Mine Mining activities will affect portions of the following area: SW1/4 of Section 20, Township 1 South, Range 5 East, SLBM, Summit County, Utah.

Mountain Valley Stone, Inc. has submitted a permit application to expand an existing small mining project to a large mining operation. The operator will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 17:45 acres of private land.

During Operations: Stone is dug from the duarry with a trackhoe, it is split by hand, cut to specific sizes with a guillotine, or tumbled, and then stacked on pallets for

shipping. Wäste rock material is added to the existing dumps. Occasionally, explosives will be used to loosen the rock. Explosives are kept in an explosives magazine. Topsoil will be salvaged and placed in stockpiles for final reclamation. Topsoil stockpiles will be seeded and signed to protect them from erosion and further impacts. Fuel for equipment will be stored onsite in an abovegroundstorage tank with secondary containment to control any potential spills.

After Operations:

All facilities and structures will be removed and all disturbed areas will be reclaimed. Trash and debris will be hauled to the county landfill. Waste dumps will be graded to a Highwalls 3h:1v. slope. will be worked to maintain a stable 45-degree slope. Overburden matérials will be used to reduce highwall slopes. Topsoil will be replaced to a 6-inch depth. Composted manure will be applied to all regraded areas, at rates of 5-tons/acre on areas receiving topsoil, and 10 tons/acre on overburden materials that do not receive topsoil. All areas will be ripped to a minimum depth of 1 foot. Compacted surfaces such as roads will be ripped to a 2-foot depth. The entire site will be seeded with an approved seed mix, designed to meet the post mining land use of grazing and wildlife habitat.

The person representing the company is Mr. Robert Hicken; Phone (435) 654-0120. Mountain Valley Stone, Inc. is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining, Di-

vision of Gui, Gas and Mining, West North Temple, Juite 1210. Box 145801, Salt Lake Gity, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written profests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 19th day of April, 2002

STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS
AND MINING
/s/
Lowell P. Braxton
Director

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